(BEEFY) CHUNKS OF FUN IN DONUT SQUAD THIS WEEK!

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ORANGE SMALL
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RED SMALL
Maybe Orange Small should take a wash, because they STINK! Ba-jing!

FUNNY BUSINESS!
Bunny has a chilly problem on page 10!

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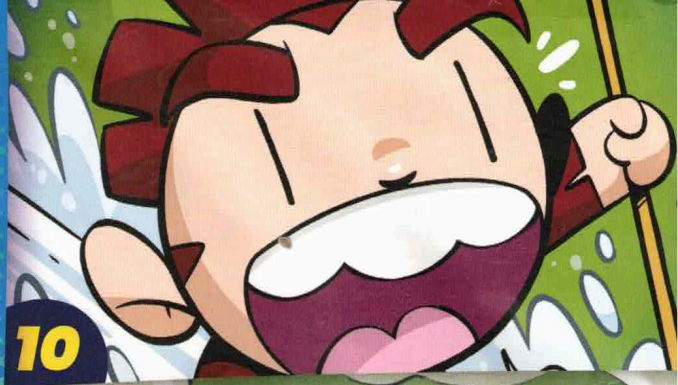

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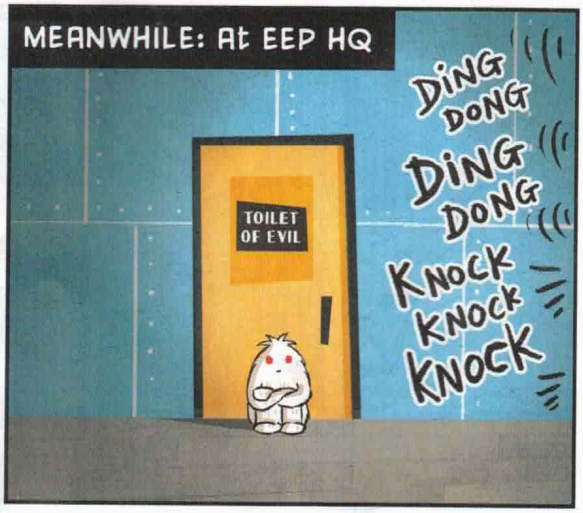
LAURA ELLEN ANDERSON'S

EVIL EMPEROR PENGUIN

NEWGENE: PART 4

THE STORY SO FAR...

EEP is all alone! He can't find Number 8, Eugene or Ruth anywhere...
BRRIIIIING BRRRIIIIIING BRRRIIIIIIING...
CONTACT: SQUID CALLING
And Newgene, who he suspects is behind all this, won't leave him alone...
So EEP escapes via a secret toilet to save his "friends" once and for all.



ARGH! WHAT KIND OF SORCERWY IS THIS?!
I don't remember Eugene being so... LASERY!
I don't think THAT was Eugene!
How come our brains remember that we've FORGOTTEN *something*, but can't remember *what* that thing was?
And wait... If twenty-two is called *twenty-two*, then why isn't the number *eleven* called ONETY-ONE?
And WHY on earth is a group of *squid* NOT called a SQUAD?
WHOOOSH
What the...?
WAIT!
YOU!
You!
And me!
Who are you again?
It's ME! NEI—
UGH, wait!
I forgot... I don't *actually* care.
Why are YOU here in Antarctica, and why aren't you COLD?
You absolute freak of nature.
I came to defeat YOU!
Then why were you running?! Did you get scared... like a little cry baby?!
No! I was wunning from...
THAT!
Evil Master?
Evil Master... Did you...

LEAVE ME?!
I think we can finally agree on one thing right now...
We run?
Yes. We...
WUN!
Evil Master... Come here.
OK... EXPLAIN yourself, penguin!
I don't owe YOU, a BABY, ANY explanation!
Yes, you DO! That wed-eyed fluff-demon almost fwied us to *smitheweens!*
Shame he didn't succeed...
Also, did you fill your nappy? You STINK.
Stop changing the subject!
ANYWAY, how come you're out here all ALONE?!
Where's the eight-legged sea urchin?
Or that twy-too-hard sister of yours?!
Or that pointless minion... EUGENE!
Watch your language, FOUL CHILD.
Wait a minute... something happened to them, didn't it?!
And it's all YOUR fault!
And now you're twying to put things wight...
Cowwect?!
And unlike Neill here, your minion and those other oddballs actually MEAN something to you!
Hey!
ENOUGH!
YOINK
Oh, I wouldn't do that if I were you... I'm your only hope for getting your fwends back.
I don't believe you!
Early lunch! Yippee!
How can *you* possibly be ANY kind of hope?!
Because I have a FAST way out of here...
Stop talking and just drop the bait!

HOW?! We're in the middle of Antarctica!
How did YOU – a BABY – even GET here?!
I have a...
PORTAL!
It's true! It's parked just behind the mountain over there...
Well, that was stupid. You just told me where your portal is...
So what's stopping me from feeding you to the sharks?!
Because firstly, they're not sharks, they're orcas...
...and orcas don't eat humans.
Ah, dang it, Jim, they figured it out.
So, I'm guessing I didn't get the main role in SHARKITECTS Part Three...?
Secondly, only me and Neill know the password to allow portal access.
Fine. Lead me there, right now.
Behold! Our password protected portal.
I told you... you need a PASS-WORD to enter, you big armpit!
BONK
Then, SAY it!
And what if I don't?
That guy is gonna laser you to smithereens...
SLUMGULLION!
Slumgullian?!
Where does this leeeeaad?
We hadn't set a location yet!

And where do you end up if you don't set a location?!
DOOF!
Appawently, we end up... here.
It's like somewhere and nowhere all at once...
...OR somewhere beyond all time and space...
Wait... what?
They must be HERE!
WHO?! What are you waffling on about, you big bird?!
Number 8, Ruth and Eugene...
And that guy?
Is it me, or did Newgene get... bigger?
YOU LEFT ME!!!
Wait up!
BOSH!
GAAAH!
SISTER?!
BROTHER!
To be continued... NEXT WEEK!

REPORTING LIVE FROM PHOENIX HQ...

THE BIG NEWS

BLUE SMALL

Do you ever worry about fog, Phoenixers? Just in general? I do, all the time. Lot of things can go wrong in heavy fog...

TEAL SMALL

Fog restricting our vision would be a much bigger problem if Smalls had eyes. But we don't. Are you looking at me? I might be looking at you, but you'll never know.

HOT OFF THE PRESS

Lead Newshound, Bruno Barker, bringing you this week's Big News!

PANDORA BACK ...SOMEWHERE

The Phoenix puzzling **CLASSIC** *Pandora in Puzzlevale* is back. It is a puzzle comic about a girl (named **PANDORA**) trapped in a mysterious place (called **PUZZLEVALE**). But the question on everyone's lips is... **IS** Pandora in Puzzlevale? When Pandora left us in issue 707, she had finally found the way **OUT** of Puzzlevale. Unfortunately, we don't know where she actually ended up.

From the looks of it, she ended up in a **SCHOOL**... and **HER** school at that. But something is a little bit **FISHY** about it. Then again, this is **PANDORA IN PUZZLEVALE** we're talking about here! Of **COURSE** there's something fishy going on... or should we say **CROWY**! Good luck solving the mystery, Phoenixers!

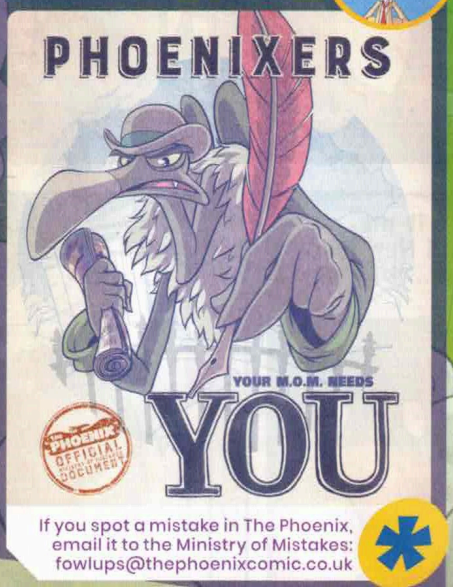
Pandora is back in The Phoenix this week on page 16! Experts wonder... has she REALLY left Puzzlevale?

SCOOP'S SCOOPS

The latest rumours with Scoop Yapski!

EAGLE-EYED MISTAKE SPOTTERS WANTED

There are **MANY** ways to be a Phoenixer. The most known way is to **READ COMICS** (specifically reading Phoenix comics). The second most known way to be a Phoenixer is to **MAKE COMICS**. But there are loads more! One legendary way to be a Phoenixer is to join the ranks of the **EAGLE-EYED MISTAKE SPOTTERS**. To do that, all you need to do is spot a mstake in The Phoenix and inform the **MINISTRY OF MISTAKES**.



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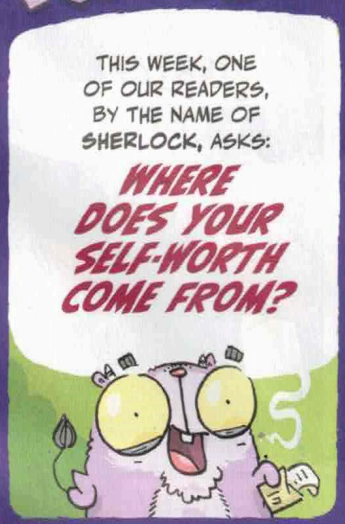
COMING SOON!

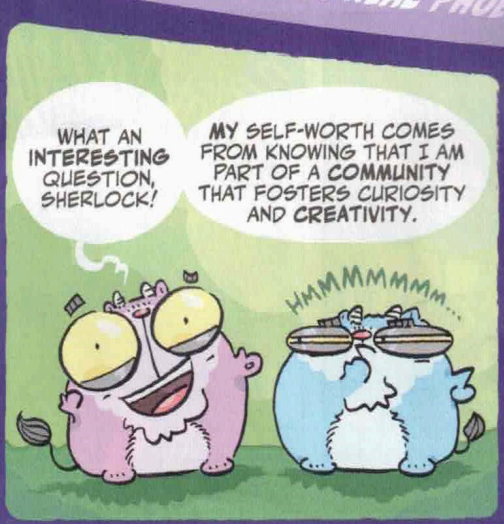
GOREBRAH STEWS

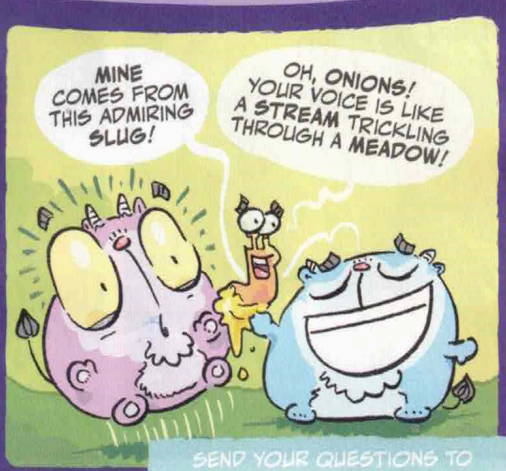
DEEP in the kitchens of the **STORY LABS** – where Phoenix comics are created – a barbarian cauldron bubbles away. It dangles from a tripod high above a **CAMPFIRE**, carefully tended by one of the **FINEST** minds in barbarian comics the world has ever known: **JAMES STAYTE**. When asked when his next *Gorebrah* will be ready, Stayte replied, 'It's **IMPOSSIBLE** to know, because a good comic takes time to cook. It'll be **READY** when it's **READY**.' And with a shrug, Stayte added, 'In other words... **TWO WEEKS**.'

THE DUNNOS

REAL QUESTIONS FROM REAL PHOENIXERS!




WHAT AN INTERESTING QUESTION, SHERLOCK!
MY SELF-WORTH COMES FROM KNOWING THAT I AM PART OF A COMMUNITY THAT FOSTERS CURIOSITY AND CREATIVITY.
HMMMMMMM...



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BY THIAGO DE MORAES

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THE WORLD OF OLYMPUS

This week... THE STYGIAN NYMPHS

This is **HYPERBOREA**, home to the **STYGIAN NYMPHS**. These skilled smiths were known for crafting magical items called talismans. "Stygian" is rooted in the word **STYX**, one of the rivers of the Underworld. From the Nymphs' craft came the artefacts Perseus carried to defeat the snake-haired gorgon Medusa, whose glance turned to stone those unfortunate enough to meet her.

THE TALISMANS:

WINGED SANDALS

A talisman of safe passage, to guide Perseus across to the Graea's lair, at the shadowy foot of Mount Atlas.

THE HELMET OF INVISIBILITY

This protective helm concealed Perseus from those who would do him harm.

MAGICAL SATCHEL, OR KIBISIS

To contain the severed head of Medusa, which could still have turned Perseus to stone.

Perseus was gifted the strength and protection he required to fulfil his destiny. What lay ahead would shape him into a legendary hero.

CREATURE FEATURE!

Got a Phoenix-loving creature of your own? Send it in to **FANFARE@THEPHOENIXCOMIC.CO.UK**

FRANKIE can only read The Phoenix when **FUDGE AND SUSHI** are finished with it, and with their daily cuddles! What cute Phoenix cats!

THE PHOENIX BOOK CLUB

Every week, Entertainment Newshound, Iris Hasselblad, introduces a new and inspiring book for you to read!

PANDORA IN PUZZLEVALE: CALL OF THE CROW

By Paul Duffield, Siobhan McKenna and Poqu

Pandora loves **MYSTERIES**. And she's lost in Puzzlevale - a **CURIOUS TOWN** with enigmas around every corner. With new friends, Pandora searches for **ANSWERS** about her missing parents and the **TRUTH** about the magical crow who guides her through the town. There are hidden chambers, secret messages and a **JOURNEY** which will change Pandora for ever...

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JAMIE SMART'S
BUNNY VS MONKEY
OPIA
OUT OF MY WAY, WEIRDOS, I HAVE A MONKEYOPIA TO CLAIM!!
PHOOM! PHOOM! PHOOM!
OOF!
OOF!
OOF!!
OH I GIVE UP!
PHOOM! PHOOM! PHOOM!
PAF!
PAF!
PAF!
ARGH!
GIVE IT UP, MONKEY! WHEREVER YOU'RE GOING, I CAN ALWAYS GET THERE FASTER!
OH, I KNOW. BUT CAN YOU...
...FLY?
EEHEE HEE!
FWINGG!
NO.
NO I CAN'T DO THAT.
THIS IS IT! MY WHOLE MONKEY LIFE HAS LED ME UP TO THIS MOMENT!

IT'S GETTING A BIT CHILLY. I'D BETTER PUT A FEW MORE CARROTS ON THE FIRE.
CRUMP!
ARGH!
OW!
YEARGH!
MONKEY! YOU'RE LETTING ALL THE SNOW IN!!
AND I AM FINE, THANK YOU.
AND I'LL BE EVEN BETTER WHEN I LEGALLY DECLARE...
MONKEYOPIA
...YOUR HOUSE IS THE PROPERTY OF MONKEYOPIA!!
WAIT... WHAT?
PLONK!
I FOUND YOUR HOUSE DEEDS. YOU NEVER OFFICIALLY SIGNED THEM, THEREFORE THIS BUILDING BELONGS TO WHOEVER STAKES A CLAIM TO IT.
THIS IS A DRAWING OF YOU IN A BIKINI!
EXACTLY! CASE CLOSED!
WELL... I'M NOT LEAVING.
YOU DO WHAT YOU WANT, MATE.
BOOP!
I HAD ACTION BEAVER PLACE EXPLOSIVES UNDER THE FOUNDATIONS.
BOOM!
BOOM!
SLIIIIIIIDE!
I'M RELOCATING MONKEYOPIA HQ DOWNHILL...
...TO A MORE WATERFRONT LOCATION!
CRACK!
SPLOSH!
CHANGED MY MIND. YOUR HOUSE IS TOO COLD.
RRGH!!
MORE NEXT WEEK!

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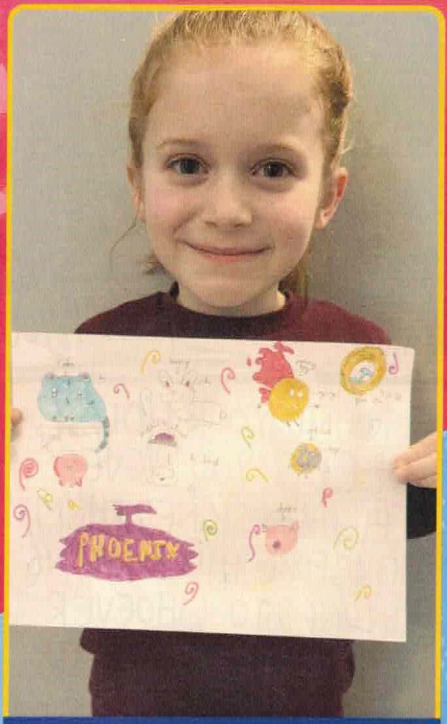

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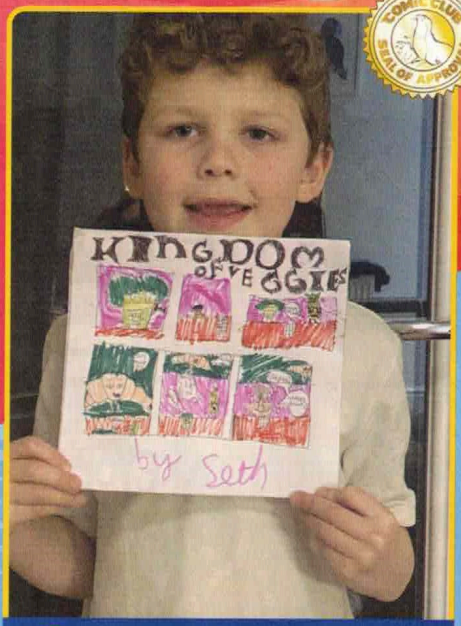

PIERRE SAYS...
SETH USED ZE COMIC CLUB TO DRAW ZESE INCROYABLE VEGETABLES! FABU-GOOSE!

TABS SAYS...
DYLAN AND LAYLA HAVE BEEN DRAWING AND CREATING THEIR OWN DONUTS! WOW!

TABS SAYS...
I LOVED SEEING HOW *ELEANOR* USED THE COMICS CLUB TO DRAW ALL THESE SUPER COOL GAUNTLETS!

DEAR PHOENIX,

Hi my name is Elsa and I'm 8 years old. And I love The Phoenix! I have been reading since issue 733 so I'm pretty new to The Phoenix. Here is some of The Phoenix comics I LOVE: Bunny vs Monkey, Mega Robo Bros *(Alex)*, Donut Squad *(Team Aonut!)*, The Lovely Pirates, Doggo, Evil Emperor Penguin, The Dunnos, Doug Slugman P.I..... *How could I forget about* Clatters & Bump! *Anyways I'm going to Phoenix Fest, yay! Tabs, sorry I made you a ghost. P.S. Shout out to my friend Theo who got me into The Phoenix, P.P.S to my BFF Inez who got me into my first Phoenix comic* (Bunny vs Monkey) *P.P.P.S. to Inez, Megan, Heidi, Lucas and Louis Vincent because they're good friends!*
Stay Phoenixy :3

ELSA (READY FOR WORLD DOMINATION!!!)

HEY, ELSA!

What an excellent piece of artwork! I love it, and I love how excited you look! Welcome to The Phoenix, you're officially a Phoenixer now! It's great to hear how many favourites you have, and so many Phoenixy friends, too! You've got enough to start your own comic club! It's lovely to have friends to talk about all your favourite stories with!

Stay Phoenixy,
TABS :)

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DEAR PHOENIX,

My name is Meghan, I am 9 years old. I LOVE THE PHOENIX, my favourite comics are (deep breath): Donut Squad, Gorebrah, Bunny vs Monkey, Legends of Olympus, Legacy, The Island with No Name, Mega Robo Bros, Ninja vs Ninja, Land of Noj, Age of Stone, Tina is Never on Time, Susie + Brad, Doggo, Squid Bits, Thingamajigs *and* Doug Slugman P.I. *Phew, that was quite a list. I had a super Phoenix birthday and now I have loads of Phoenixy friends, Arjun and Anjali. Seal of approval please.*

Stay Phoenixy,
MEGHAN

HEY, MEGHAN!

Oh wow, what an excellent teapot house! I'd love to curl up and read a book in there. You've got such a long list of favourites, maybe I could read THAT in there! It makes me happy to hear you're enjoying lots of different kinds of stories and that you've got friends to talk about them with, that's just the BEST!

Stay Phoenixy,
TABS :)

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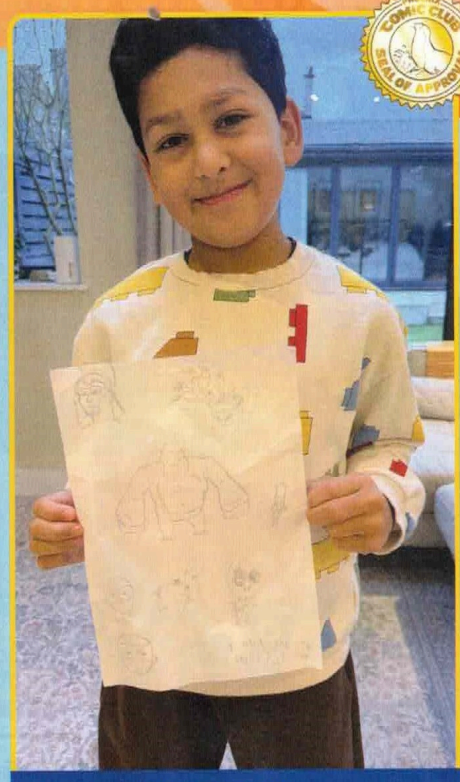

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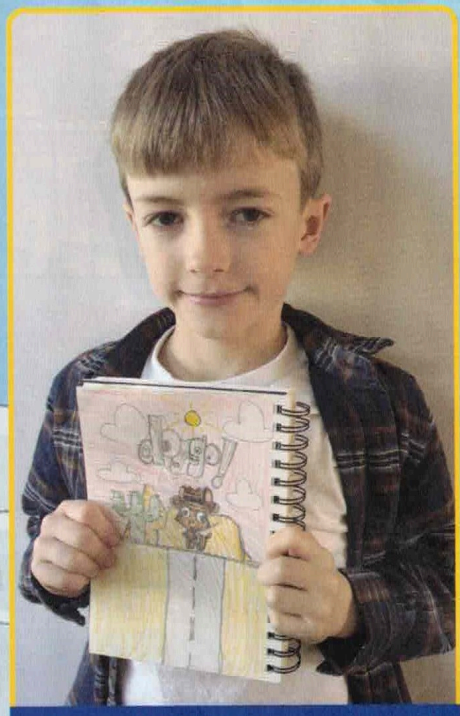

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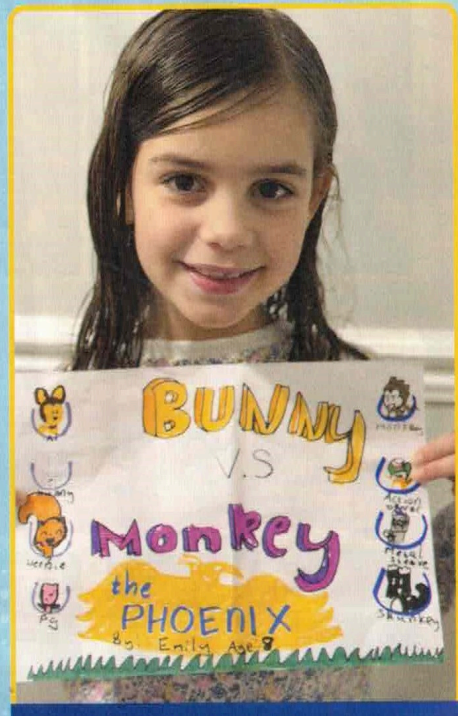

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EMILY DREW ZIS FANTASTIQUE BUNNY VS MONKEY ART! TRÈS BIEN!

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NINJA VS NINJA

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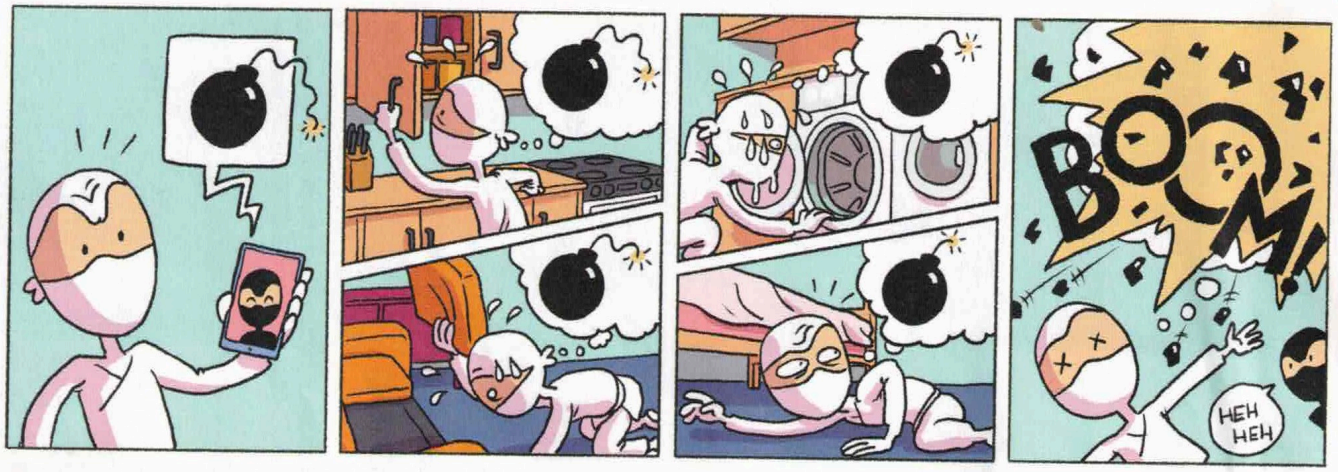

doggo!

THE SEARCH FOR HEDGEHOGGO PRIME PART 2/6

6 YEARS AGO THE CREW OF APOGGO 13 BEGAN A DEEP-SPACE MISSION IN SEARCH OF A MYSTERIOUS SPIKEY PLANET...

By Abby Bulmer and Ned Page

IN DEEP SPACE, THE APOGGO 13 HAS DISCOVERED THE SUPERMASSIVE ENTITY 'HEDGEHOGGO PRIME'.
THE HEDGEHOGGOS HAVE JAMMED THE CONTROLS! WE'RE BEING SUCKED TOWARDS THE PLANET'S SURFACE, CAPTAIN!
OH NO!
ALERT!
WE'RE GOING TO CRASH!
IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE SERVING WITH YOU, WALTERS.
BOOP
HUH...
THAT WAS ANTI-CLIMACTIC, CAPTAIN.
YES. YES IT WAS, WALTERS.
TO BE CONTINUED...

Susie + brad.

By Joe Brady and James Stayte

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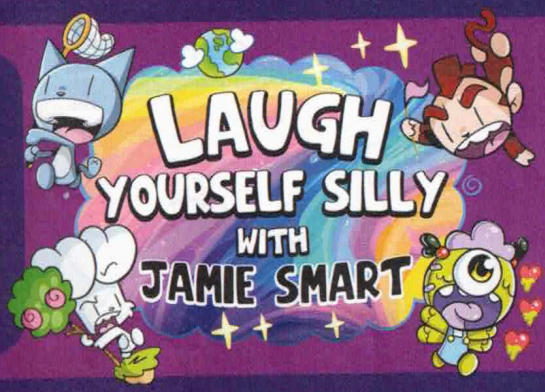

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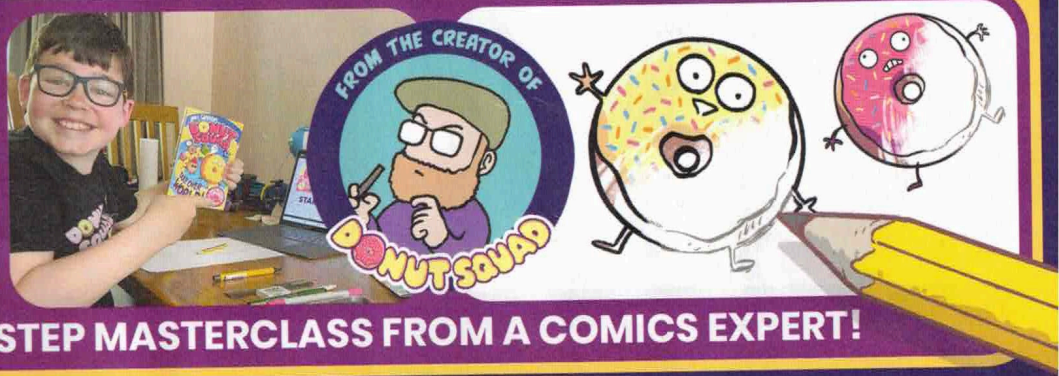

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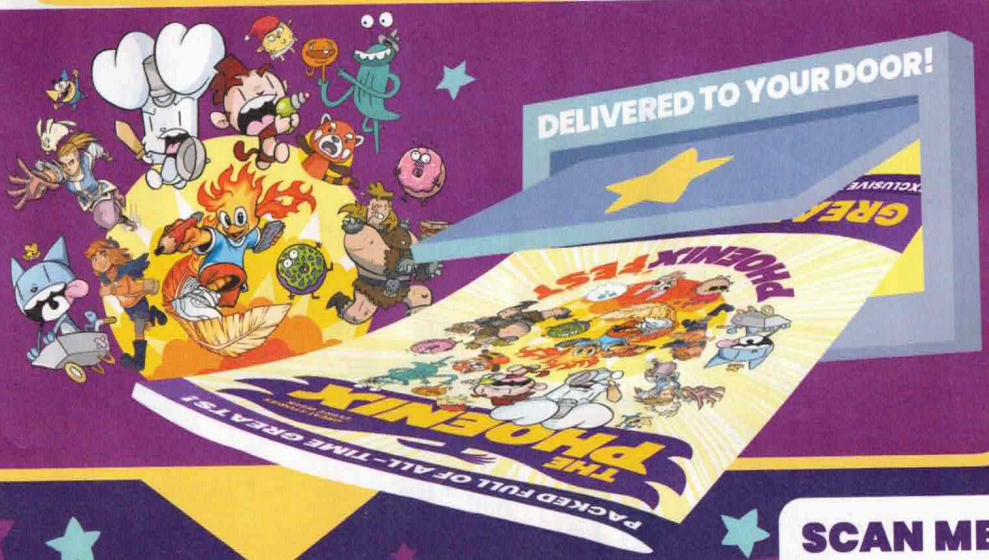

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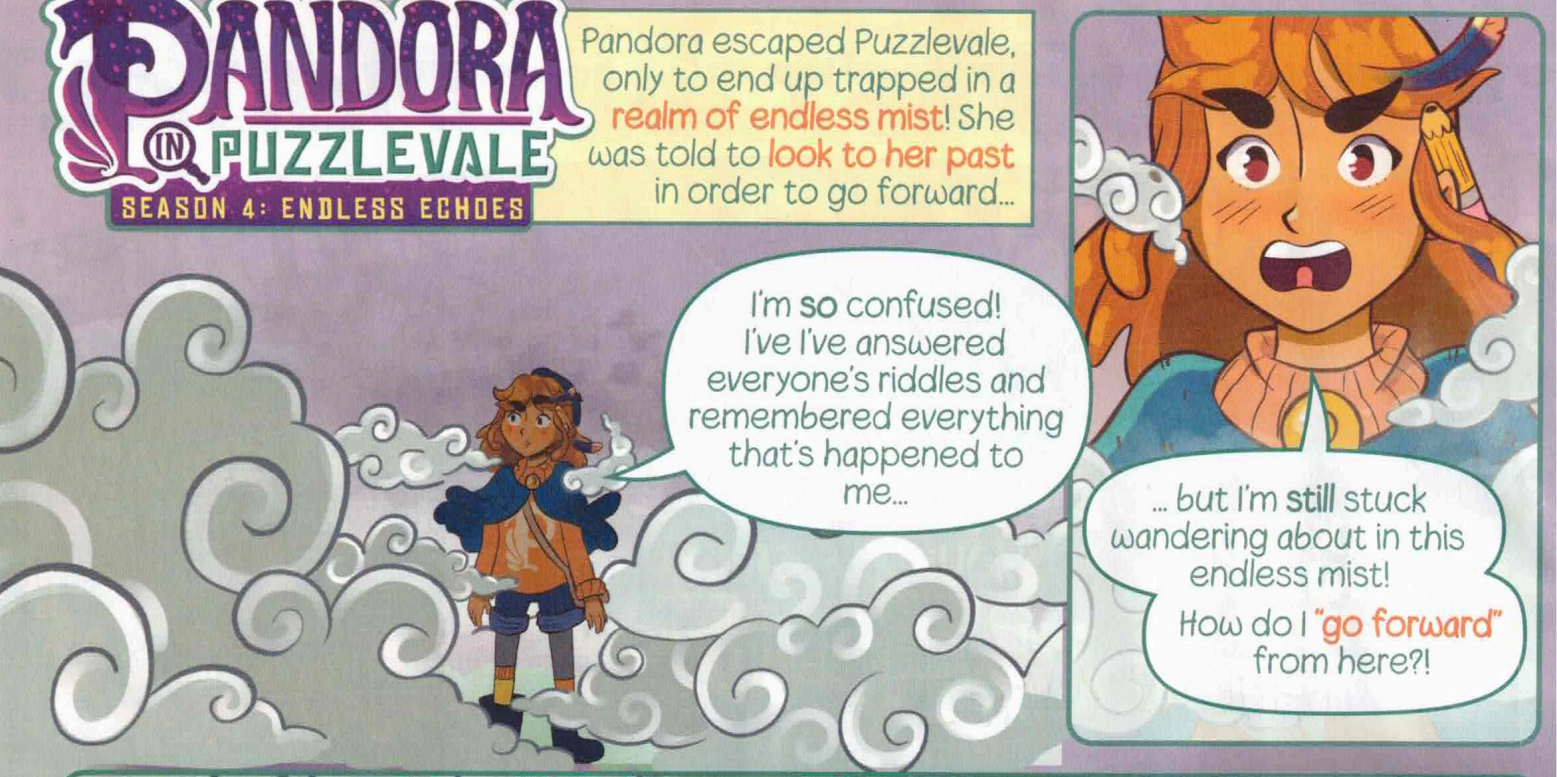
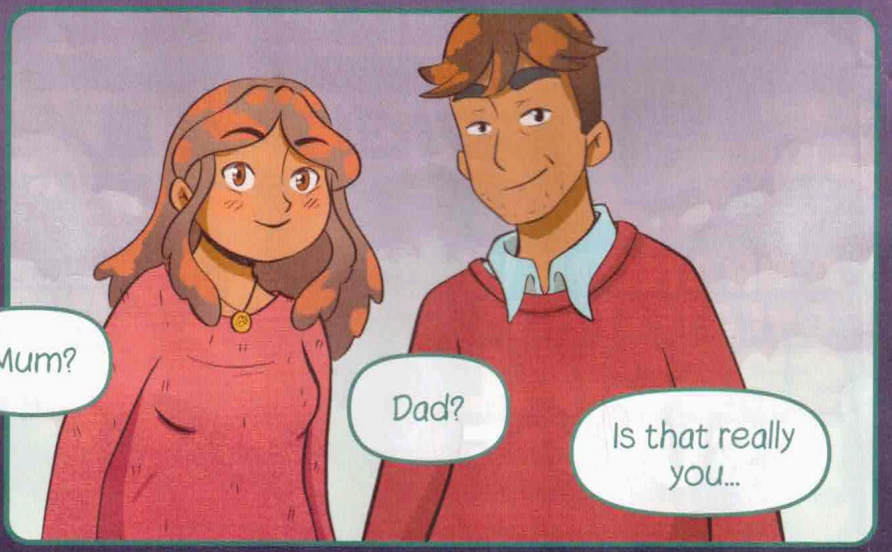
PANDORA IN PUZZLEVALE

SEASON 4: ENDLESS ECHOES

Pandora escaped Puzzlevale, only to end up trapped in a realm of endless mist! She was told to look to her past in order to go forward...


I'm so confused! I've I've answered everyone's riddles and remembered everything that's happened to me...
... but I'm still stuck wandering about in this endless mist!
How do I "go forward" from here?!



THUNK
Ugh. OW.
Huh?!
What's up with my sleeve?
HEY!
This is my home room! Am I back at my school?!
Did I actually make it back home?!
I'm in my school uniform! But where's all my stuff?
My bag, my pencil, my notebook! I don't have any of it!
AH! CROW BOY! I'm so glad You came back with me! But you're a bird again!
You were more helpful when you were human...
Hmm, something seems off, here. I'm out of Puzzlevale, but why did I end up back at school? I should have a look for clues!

PANDORA IN PUZZLEVALE

SEASON 4: ENDLESS ECHOES

MYSTERY 1
BACK TO SCHOOL

START HERE READ "PREVIOUSLY" AND "SECRETS" BELOW. THEN, SOLVE THE PUZZLES IN ORDER, STARTING WITH 1

⚠ DON'T MOVE ON TO THE NEXT PUZZLE UNTIL YOU'VE SOLVED THE ONE YOU'RE ON, OR LOOKED UP THE ANSWER TO IT IN THE "SCORING" BOX

PREVIOUSLY IN PUZZLEVALE

Read and look at this carefully! There may be clues here...

Pandora was **trapped** in Puzzlevale without her parents. She tried to **escape**, but there seemed to be **no way out**.

A **dark mist** called **THE GREAT CHANGE** haunted the town. Only a special **mask** could protect from its powers of transformation.

Pandora's puzzle comic, ***Detective Crow***, also changed! If she asked it a question, the answer appeared on a new page...

Pandora had a friend who helped her as she explored... a **boy** who was **changed into a crow** by the mist! She called him **"Crow Boy"**.

She made her way across a ravine to **Raven City**, but the bridge **collapsed**, Pandora fell through the mist, and she **grew wings**!

She learned about **a way to leave Puzzlevale**: a **ritual** that required **special conditions** to perform it properly!

Pandora performed the ritual, and **escaped** Puzzlevale, but it left her stranded in **a realm of endless mist**...

After she was visited by **memories** of her time in Puzzlevale, Pandora **woke up in her school classroom**!

SECRETS TO UNCOVER

IN THIS EPISODE: ? Where and when has Pandora ended up?

IN THIS SERIES: ? Why was Pandora sent back to her school?

BONUS: FIND ALL THREE CROW FEATHERS SOMEWHERE IN SCHOOL!

1

This looks just like my home room at school, but can I really be sure that's where I am? I need to find something that tells me for sure...

LOOK AROUND THE CLASSROOM TO FIND OUT THE SCHOOL'S NAME

2

That's my school's name, for sure... I really am back home! But when I left for Puzzlevale it was the summer holidays. I thought I was only there for a week or two, so it should still be the holidays...

LOOK AROUND THE CLASSROOM TO FIND OUT WHAT DATE IT IS

THE __ __ TH OF ___

SCORING!

Look at the answers below upside down and in a mirror to read them. When you're finished, count the number of answers you got right to find your score. If you had to look an answer up, don't count it. Add 1 if you found all three feathers!

4-5= MASTER DETECTIVE!

2-3= SPECIAL INSPECTOR! 0-1= ROOKIE RESEARCHER!

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3

Hold on! That's BEFORE the summer holidays started! And I can't have been in Puzzlevale for a whole year, this calendar is from the same year that I left... have I ended up back IN THE PAST?

If holidays haven't started yet, where is everybody? Why am I here alone? There's one piece of this puzzle left... I know the place and the date, but what time is it?

LOOK AROUND TO FIND OUT THE TIME

4

That's why everyone's gone! It's after school... I need to look for my cloak before I get out of here... Huh? Is that my brooch?

Hey! Crow Boy! Come back with that! Weird... he's not acting like himself.

NEXT WEEK: AFTER SCHOOL!

WHERE IS PANDORA'S CLOAK, AND WHERE HAS CROW BOY HIDDEN HER BROOCH?

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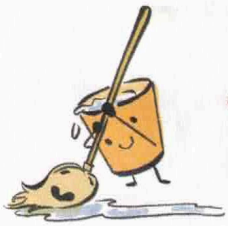

THINGAMAJIGS

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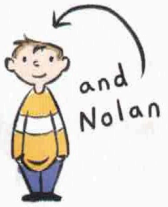
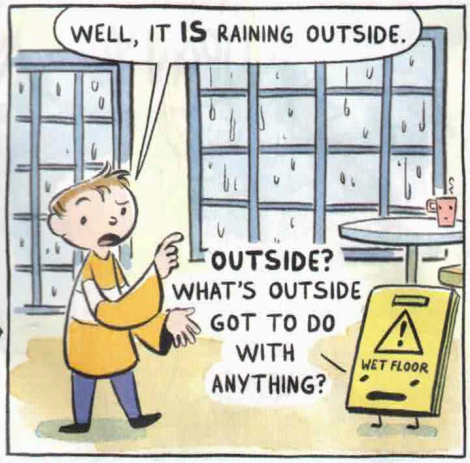
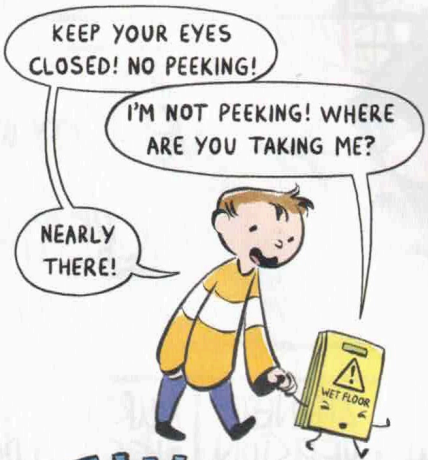
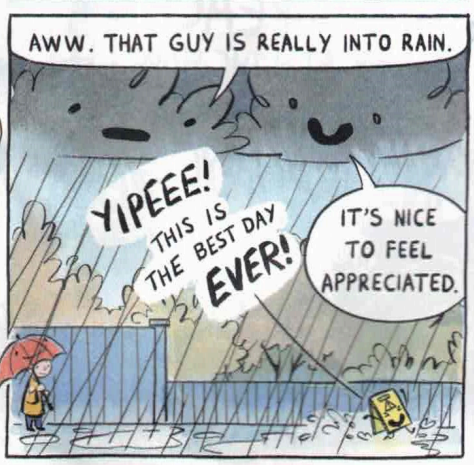


NO, THE MOP AND BUCKET HAVE GONE TO CLEAN OTHER STUFF. I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.
I MAY AS WELL GO SIT IN THE CLEANING CUPBOARD AND FEEL SORRY FOR MYSELF. THERE'S NOTHING LEFT FOR ME HERE.
WET FLOOR







A PHOENIX EXCLUSIVE!

CREATE!

WE'RE NOT CHANGING, WE'RE JUST CLAWING OUR WAY BACK TO WHERE WE STARTED

MEGALOMANIACS

WORDS + ART: JAMIE SMART
COLOURS BY: JOHN CULLEN

BEHOLD!! ZE POWERS OF INFINITE DARKNESS AS ZEY CAST DOWN UPON YOU!

ROWR! ROWR! ROWR! ROWR!

AN EPILOGUE!

"CREATING A MONSTER!"

BZZT! STOP THAT! STOP ALL THE FIGHTING!!

BEHOLD!! MY CLAWS, AS I SINK THEM INTO YOUR BONY LITTLE BUTT!!

FIGHTING CAN ONLY DESTROY, WE MUST CREATE!

HERE, I HAVE CREATED FOR YOU A PEACE GARDEN IN THE HOPE ITS TRANQUILLITY MIGHT INSPIRE YOU!

HRRG!

CREATE! BUILD! CONSTRUCT!

ZIS NEW VERSION OF CRUSHER IS INTOLERABLE.

AGREED! WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

MUNCH MUNCH

NYONK NYONK!
BRRRRRRR
LOOKS LIKE A COLD FRONT IS ON THE WAY!
IT IS ME. I AM THE COLD FRONT.
CHILLAX, YOU'RE MAKING SUCH A MESS!
NO, I'M COVERING EVERYONE ELSE'S MESS WITH SNOW!!
DON'T BE PEDANTIC, YOU POINTY-NOSED POPSICLE!!
HISSS
YOU COULD BE CARVING THIS SNOW INTO EXQUISITE ART!!
SHAPE CRAFT
CONTRIBUTING BEAUTY & ROMANCE TO THE WORLD!
EUGH.
NO.
RRGH!
WE'RE MEGALOMANIACS! WE CAME TO EARTH TO CAUSE RELENTLESS DESTRUCTION!
YES. I KNOW.
BUT WHERE IS THE FUN IN STAMPING SQUALOR INTO RUBBLE...
...WOULDN'T YOU RATHER THIS WORLD WAS JUST A LITTLE MORE BEAUTIFUL...
...SO DESTROYING IT WOULD TASTE ALL THE MORE DELICIOUS?!
STOMP!
CRUMP
SMASH
CLANG
BZZT! CREATE! BZZT!
STAND STILL, CRUSHER, WHILE I PERFORM DELICATE ROBOT SURGERY!!
WHAT... WHAT'S SHE DOING?
KITTY'S HOPING TO REBOOT CRUSHER BACK TO BEING EVIL... BY WAGGLING A FORK INTO HIS CIRCUITS!
BUT HE WAS EVIL.
WHAT?
THIS WAS ALL PART OF HIS EVIL PLAN!
BZZZP!
YOU'VE JUST MADE HIM...
...LOVELY!!
NOOO!
OOPS!

MORE MEGALOMANIACS NEXT WEEK!

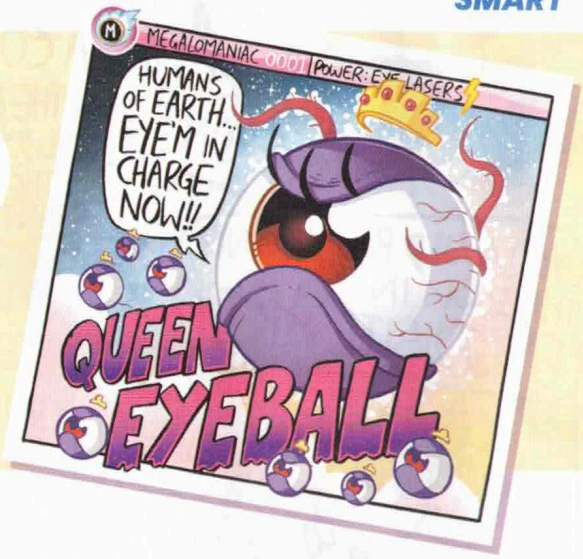
HOW TO DRAW MEGALOMANIACS QUEEN EYEBALL!

WITH JAMIE SMART

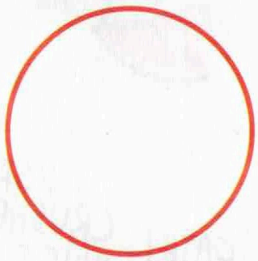
KEY:
- ARROWS
- NEW LINES
- FINAL LINES

HEY, *PHOENIXERS!* I'M *JAMIE SMART* AND TODAY I'M GOING TO BE SHOWING YOU HOW TO DRAW SOME OF THE *STRANGE AND OTHERWORLDLY* CREATURES FROM MY *MEGALOMANIACS* SERIES.

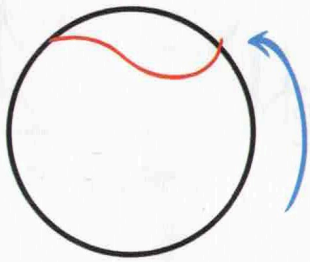
THIS WEEK WE'RE GOING TO START WITH THE SUPPOSED *RULER* OF THE UNIVERSE...



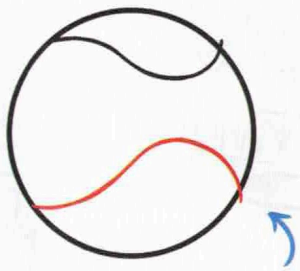
QUEEN EYEBALL



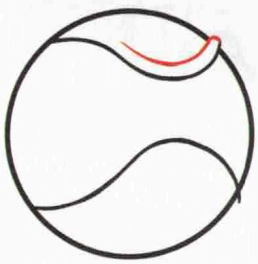
1. LET'S START WITH A *CIRCLE*.



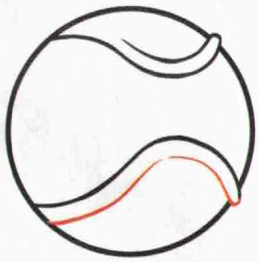
2. WITH A *WAVY LINE*, DRAW THE TOP EYELID WITH THE END OF IT POINTING OUT.



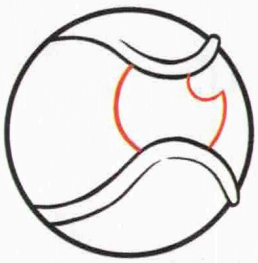
3. DRAW THE SAME FOR THE *LOWER* EYELID.



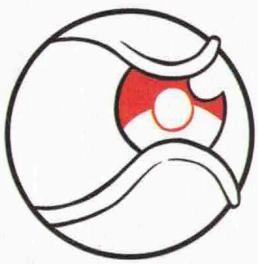
4. NOW WE CAN DRAW THE *TOP EDGES* OF THE LIDS.



5. DO THE SAME FOR THE *BOTTOM LID*.

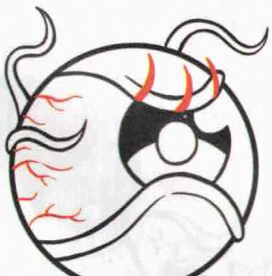


6. THE *IRIS* IS A *CIRCLE* WITH A SMALL *SEMICIRCLE* MISSING IN THE TOP RIGHT.

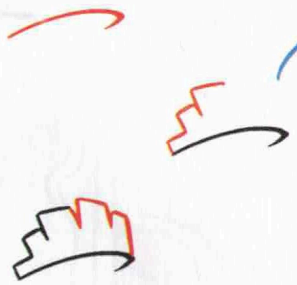


7. A SMALLER *CIRCLE* FOR THE *PUPIL* AND COLOUR THE TOP HALF OF THE *IRIS*.

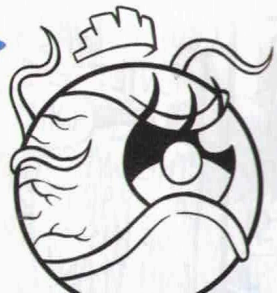
8. NOW WE CAN ADD IN *THREE SLIMY, WAVY TENDRILS*.



9. GIVE HER *THREE EYELASHES* AND *THIN VEINS* ON THE EYEBALL!



10. LET'S GIVE OUR QUEEN HER *CROWN* USING THESE STEPS...



11. PLACE IT ABOVE HER *GLORIOUSLY ANGRY* EYE.

12. FINISH WITH SOME COLOUR AND... *RUN AWAAAAY!*

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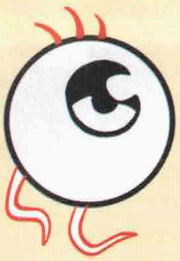
EXPLORE HER OTHER EXPRESSIONS...

SURPRISED

1. START WITH A *CIRCLE* AND THE *IRIS*. NO *EYELIDS* FOR THIS ONE.



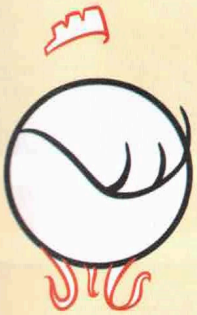
2. DRAW IN THE *EYELASHES* AND TWO *DANGLING TENDRILS*.

3. FINALLY, ADD HER *CROWN!*

4. FINISH WITH SOME *COLOUR!*

FRUSTRATED

1. FOR FRUSTRATION, DRAW HER *EYELIDS CLOSED SHUT.*

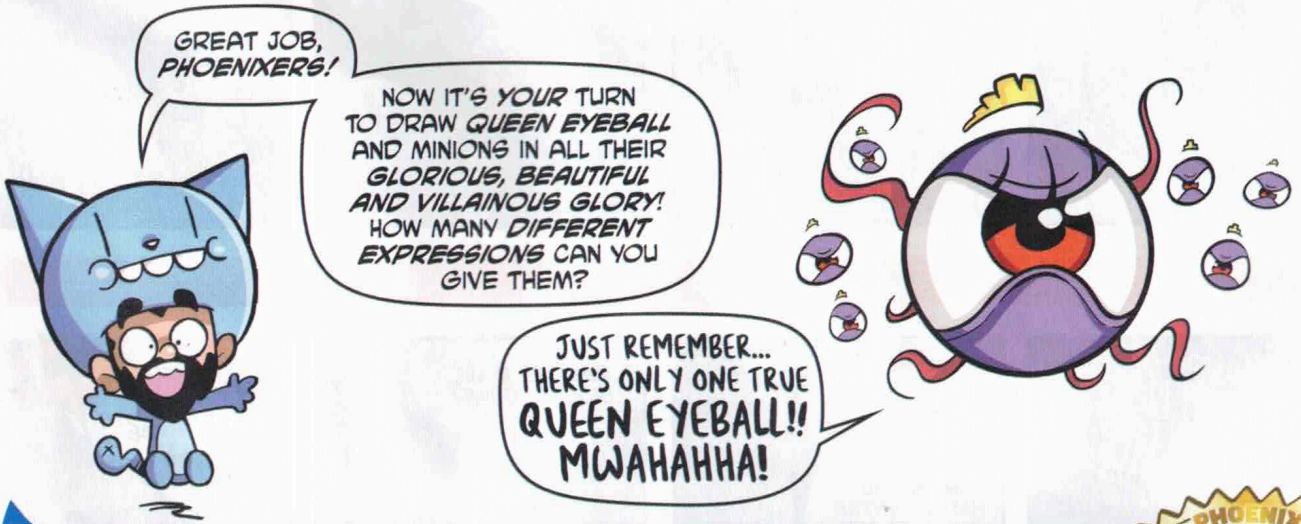


2. ADD HER TENDRILS *CURLED* AT THE BOTTOM AND HER CROWN.

3. DRAW WOBBLE LINES AND AN *ANGER MARK* (FOUR 'V'S POINTED INWARDS).

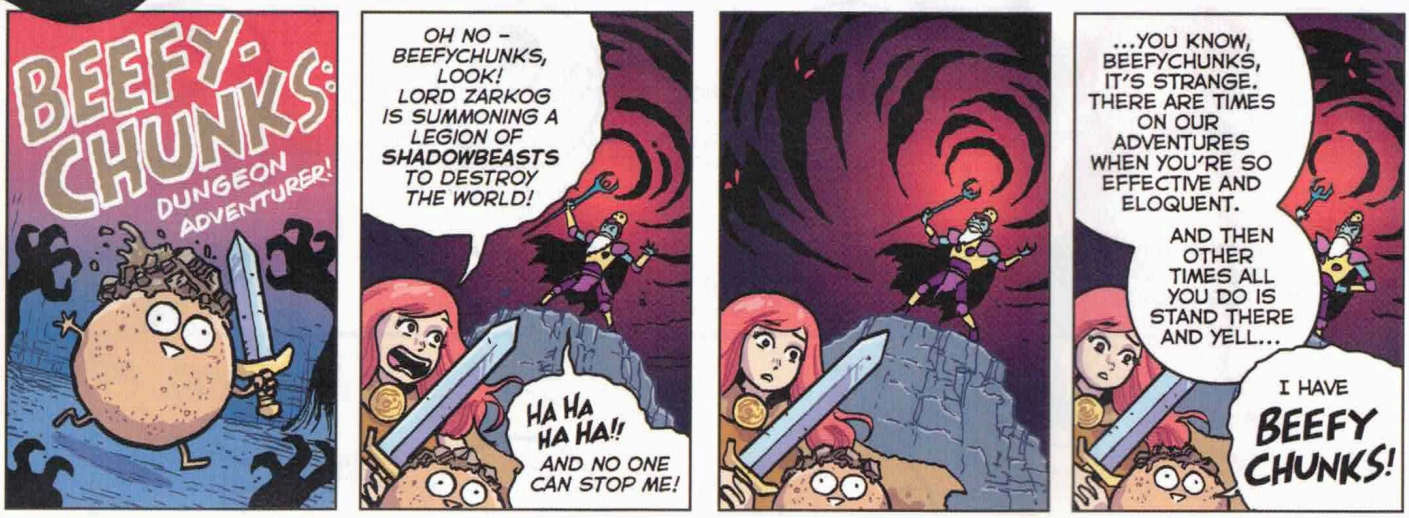
4. FINALLY FINISH WITH SOME *POPPING COLOUR!*

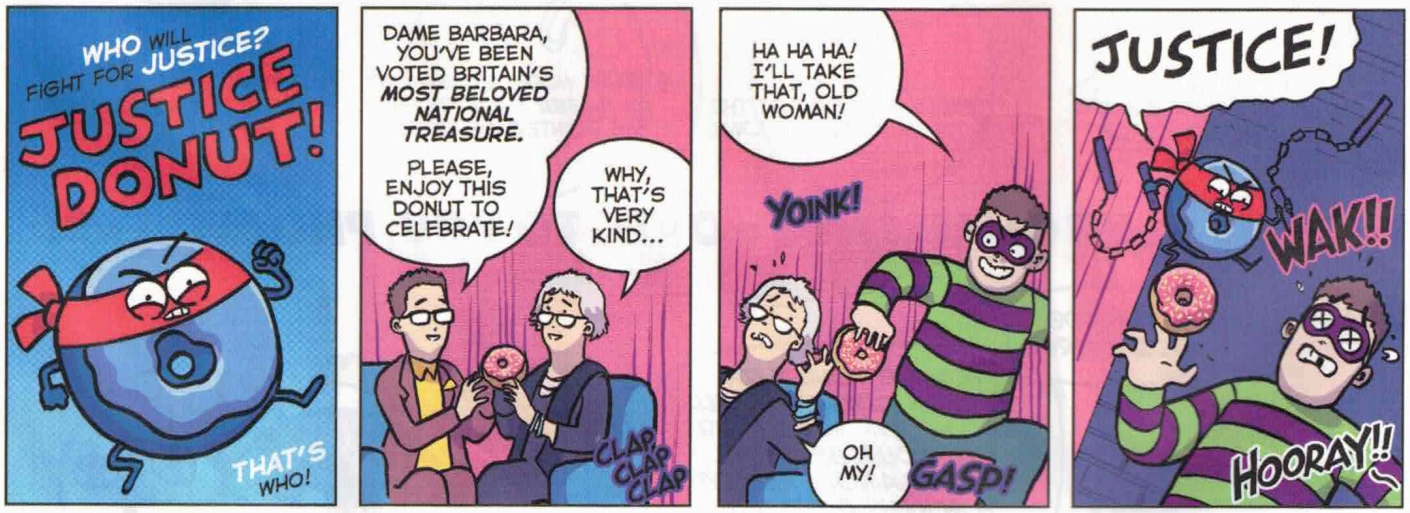
COMIC CLUB CHALLENGE – OVER TO YOU, PHOENIXERS!


GREAT JOB, PHOENIXERS!
NOW IT'S *YOUR* TURN TO DRAW *QUEEN EYEBALL* AND MINIONS IN ALL THEIR *GLORIOUS, BEAUTIFUL AND VILLAINOUS GLORY!* HOW MANY *DIFFERENT EXPRESSIONS* CAN YOU GIVE THEM?
JUST REMEMBER... THERE'S ONLY ONE TRUE QUEEN EYEBALL!! MWAHAHHA!

IF YOU USE THIS WEEK'S COMIC CLUB AS INSPIRATION AND SEND YOUR CREATION TO US YOU COULD WIN THE COMIC CLUB SEAL OF APPROVAL!

NEILL CAMERON'S DONUT

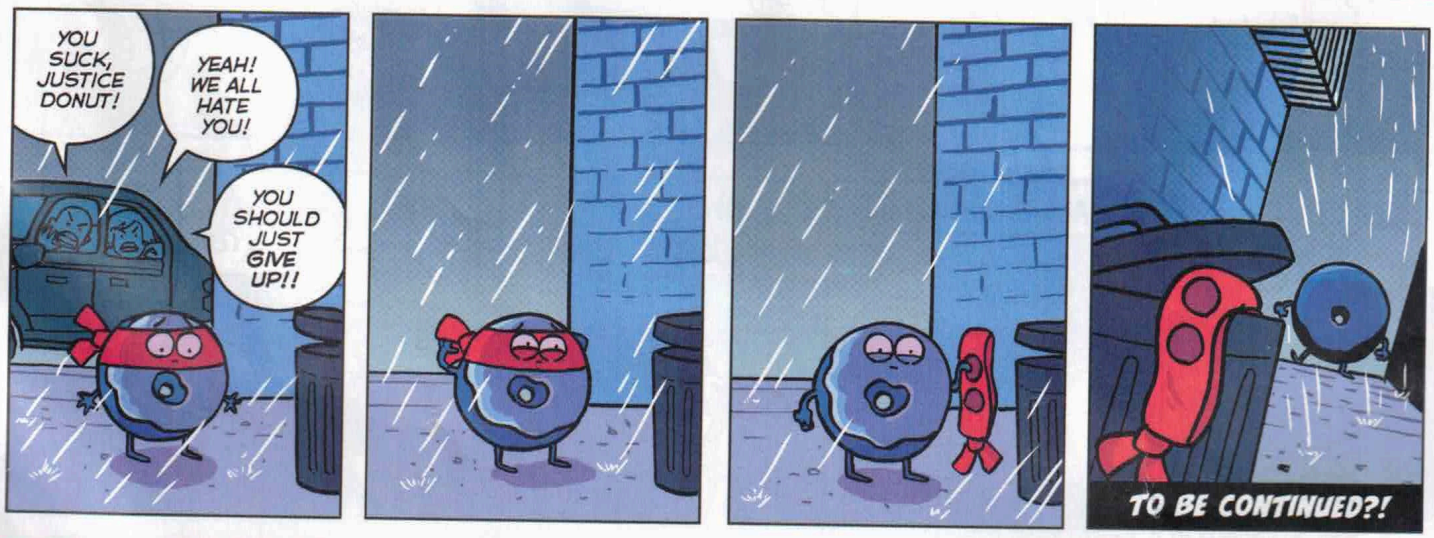

BEEFY-CHUNKS:
DUNGEON ADVENTURER!
OH NO - BEEFYCHUNKS, LOOK! LORD ZARKOG IS SUMMONING A LEGION OF SHADOWBEASTS TO DESTROY THE WORLD!
HA HA HA HA!!
AND NO ONE CAN STOP ME!
...YOU KNOW, BEEFYCHUNKS, IT'S STRANGE. THERE ARE TIMES ON OUR ADVENTURES WHEN YOU'RE SO EFFECTIVE AND ELOQUENT.
AND THEN OTHER TIMES ALL YOU DO IS STAND THERE AND YELL...
I HAVE BEEFY CHUNKS!



BEEFY-CHUNKS:
DUNGEON ADVENTURER!
OH NO! THE SHADOW-BEASTS' RIFT IS DESTROYING THE WORLD!
SOMEONE HAS TO ENTER THE RIFT AND DESTROY IT FROM THE INSIDE!
REMEMBER ME, BEEFYCHUNKS!
REMEMBER MEEEEEEEE!!!
I HAVE BEEFY CHUNKS!

SQUAD

with colours by NICK MOFFATT!



MORE DONUT SQUAD NEXT WEEK!

Squid Bits!

Hmm, I fancy devilled eggs for lunch!

Squid Bits Weather Forecast!

Freezing fog with a chance of fatigued frogs.

So chilly! And full of frogs!

I will keep them and love them all!

Squid Bits Thank you Cards!

Thank you for helping me with all the smells.

Thank you for distracting the bear.

Thank you for summoning the Cosmic horror with me.

Thank you for letting the goose get angry at you.

...I WILL EAT YOU ALL!....

The Adventurer's Guide: Make haste!!

FREE Casserole: Various Flavours!

by Jess Bradley

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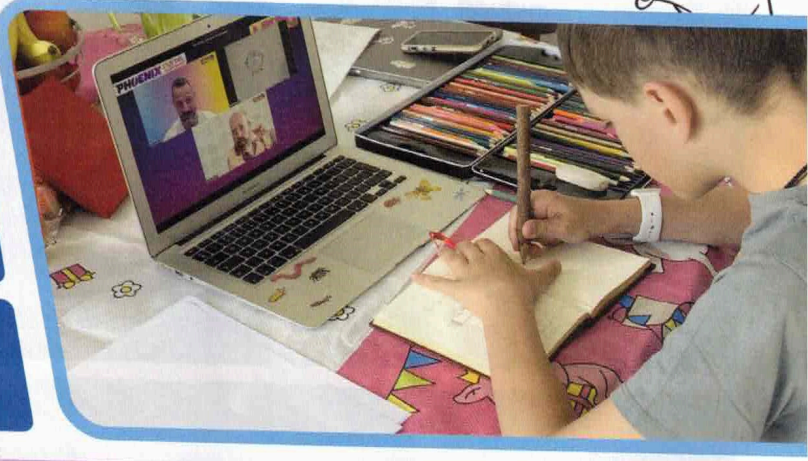

HI, I'M JAMIE SMART, CREATOR OF *MEGALOMANIACS*! YOU MAY HAVE SEEN MY OTHER STORIES, SUCH AS *HERO SLAM* AND *LOOSHKIN*, IN THE PHOENIX! I CAN'T WAIT TO *DRAW* MY CHARACTERS WITH YOU ALL!

JAMIE SMART'S MEGALOMANIACS

"IT WAS AMAZING!" LIAM, AGED 10

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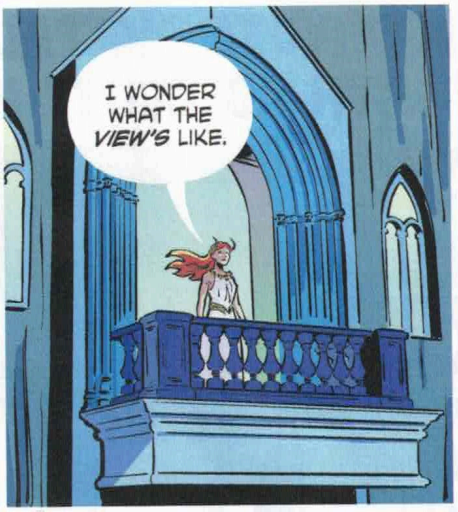
PERSEPHONE

QUEEN OF THE UNDERWORLD

PART 2

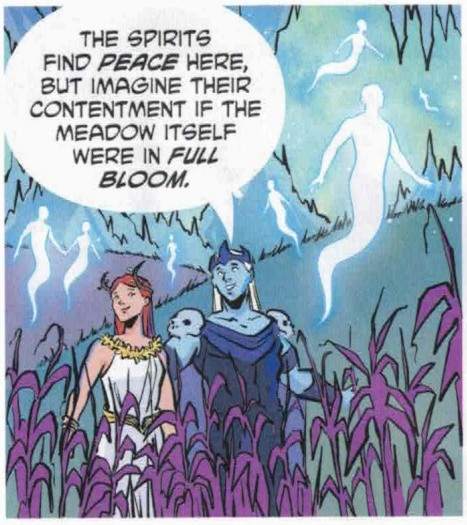
PREVIOUSLY: PERSEPHONE WAS VISITED BY HADES, RULER OF THE UNDERWORLD, WHO INVITED HER TO VISIT HIS REALM, AS HE HAS SOMETHING HE WISHES TO DISCUSS. HOWEVER PERSEPHONE'S SUDDEN DISAPPEARANCE HAS CAUSED HER MOTHER, DEMETER, GREAT CONCERN. WHAT IMPACT COULD HER WORRY HAVE ON THE WORLD?

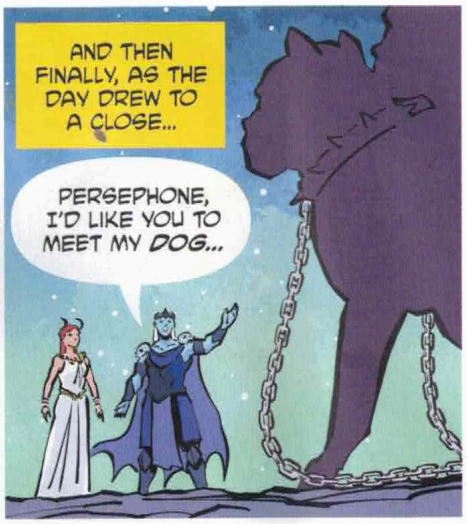


COLOURS BY BEX GLENDINING

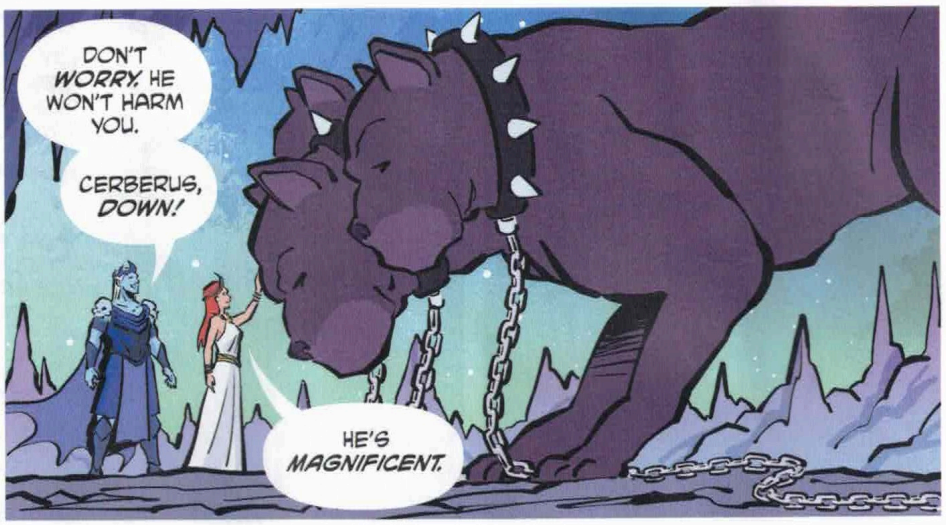
AH, GOOD, YOU'RE AWAKE. YOU'D FALLEN ASLEEP BY THE TIME WE REACHED THE UNDERWORLD.
I DIDN'T HAVE THE HEART TO WAKE YOU. I TRUST YOUR ROOM IS TO YOUR SATISFACTION?
THE ROOM IS FINE AND THE VIEW OBVIOUSLY VERY IMPRESSIVE.
BUT WHY AM I HERE, HADES?
MY KINGDOM IS IN NEED OF A QUEEN AND I CAN'T THINK OF ANYONE BETTER TO TAKE ON THAT ROLE THAN YOU.
I FEEL MOST AT HOME IN SUN-DRENCHED MEADOWS AMONGST FLOWERS AND ANIMALS, HADES.
I'M NOT SURE I'M A PERFECT FIT FOR THE UNDERWORLD.
OH, BUT YOU ARE, FOR MY KINGDOM NEEDS LIFE BREATHING INTO IT.
AND WHO BETTER TO DO THAT THAN THE GODDESS OF SPRING?
COME, LET ME SHOW YOU AROUND MY KINGDOM. I THINK I CAN CHANGE YOUR MIND.
AND SO HADES GAVE PERSEPHONE A GUIDED TOUR OF THE UNDERWORLD.
THE GRAND HALL. IMPRESSIVE, YES, BUT COLD AND AUSTERE.
IMAGINE IT WITH FLOWERS AND COLOUR.
THE SPIRITS SEEM CONTENT HERE.
THE ONES WHO LED GOOD LIVES ARE.
AND HERE WE HAVE THE PALACE GARDENS, THE PLACE MOST IN NEED OF YOUR MAGIC TOUCH.
WELL, HELLO, LITTLE ONE.
SEE, YOUR PRESENCE IS ALREADY BEING FELT.
YOU'VE MADE A FRIEND STRAIGHT AWAY.
COME, THERE IS MORE TO SEE.

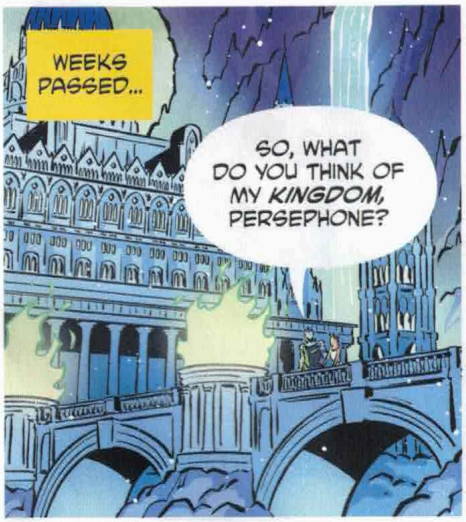
NEXT WE WILL VISIT THE *FIELDS OF ASPHODEL.*


THE SPIRITS FIND *PEACE* HERE, BUT IMAGINE THEIR CONTENTMENT IF THE MEADOW ITSELF WERE IN *FULL BLOOM.*

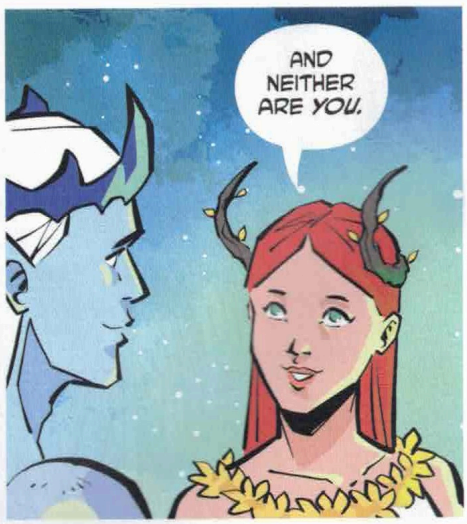

AND THEN FINALLY, AS THE DAY DREW TO A CLOSE...
PERSEPHONE, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET MY *DOG...*

CERBERUS!
OH MY!

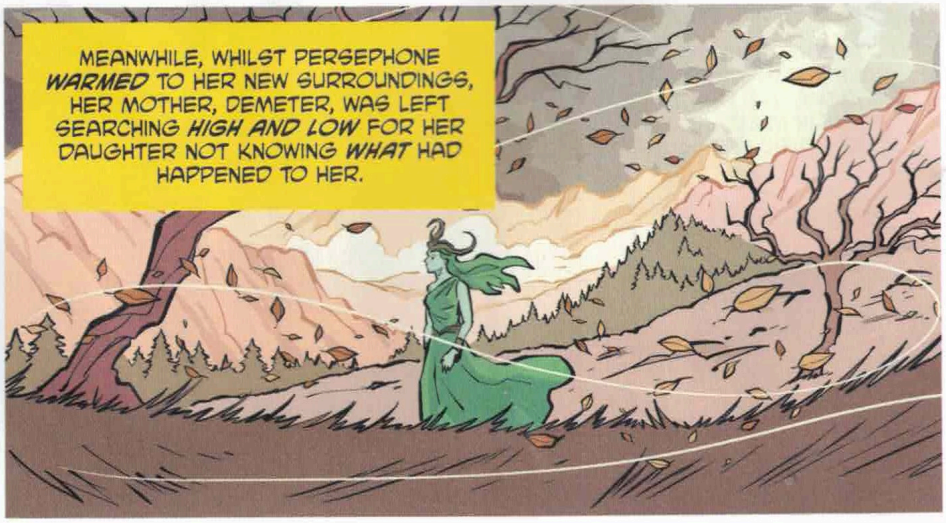

DON'T *WORRY.* HE WON'T HARM YOU.
CERBERUS, *DOWN!*
HE'S *MAGNIFICENT.*

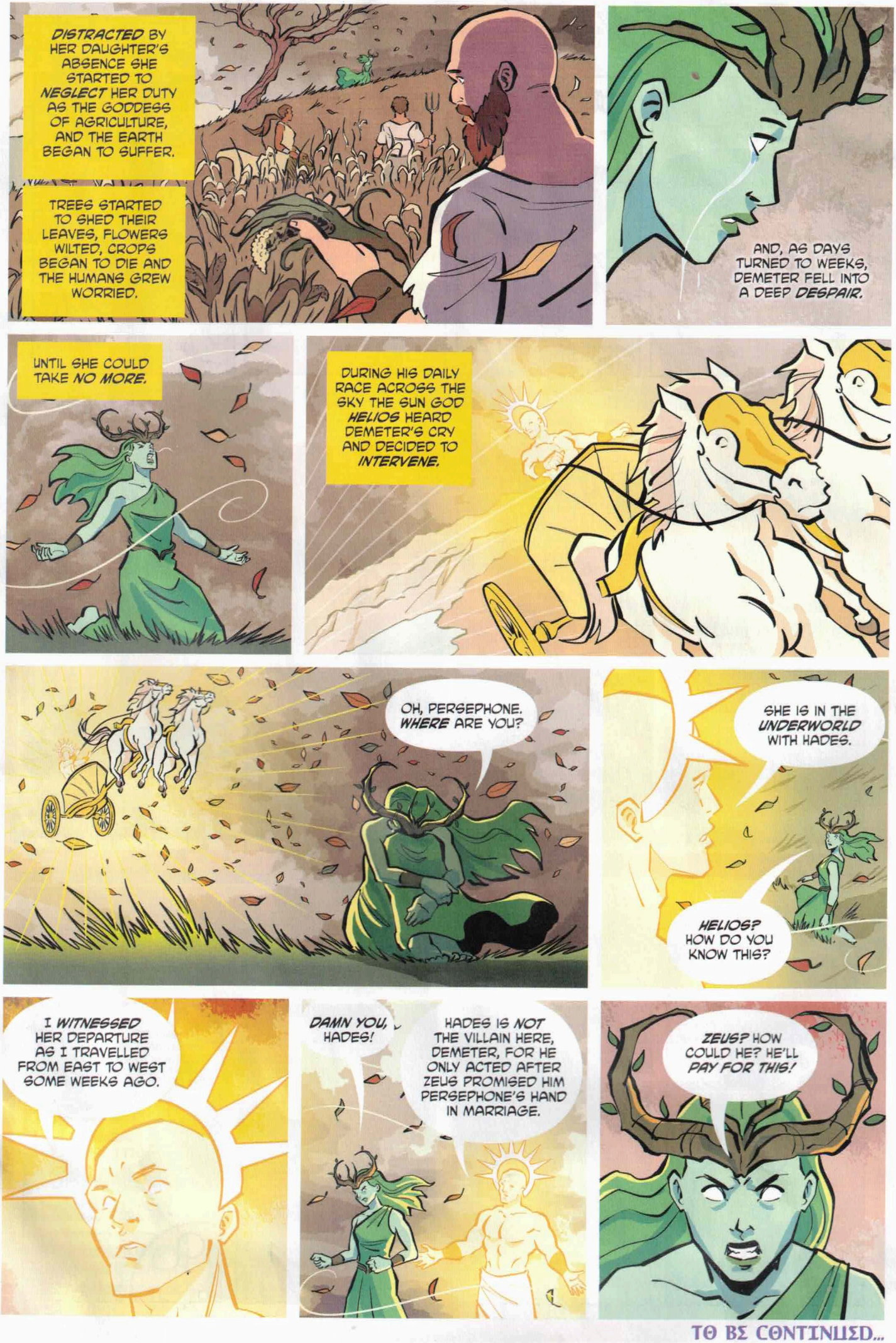

WEEKS PASSED...
SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY *KINGDOM,* PERSEPHONE?

I THINK IT'S *BEAUTIFUL,* BUT IT COULD BE *EVEN MORE SO.*
I'LL BE HONEST, IT'S *NOT* WHAT I EXPECTED.


AND NEITHER ARE *YOU.*

YOU SEE HOW MUCH THIS PLACE *NEEDS YOU?* HOW MUCH *I NEED YOU* TO BRING LIGHT AND LAUGHTER HERE?

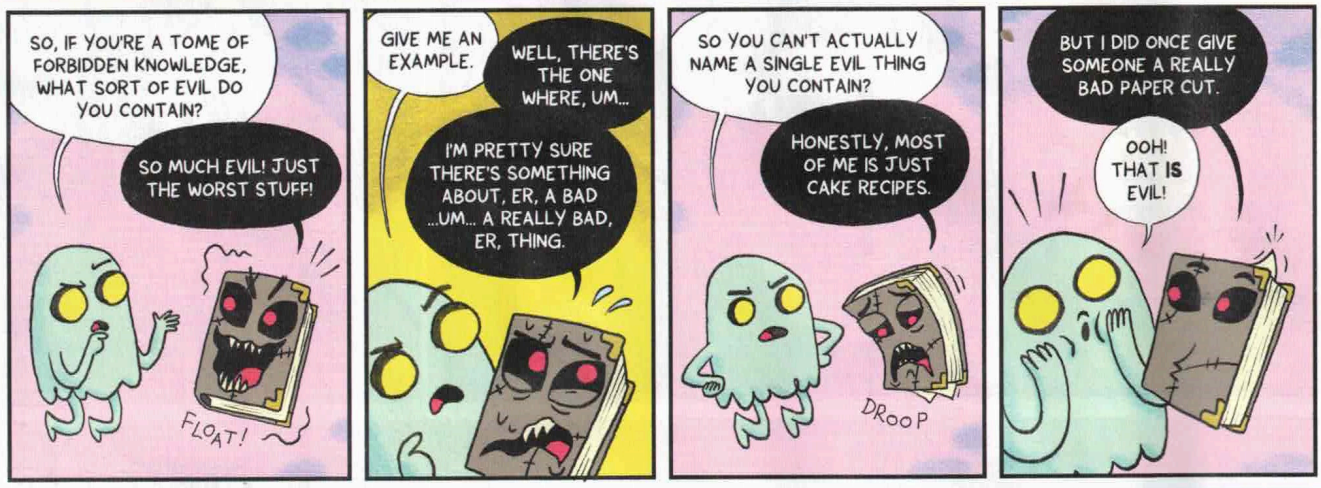

MEANWHILE, WHILST PERSEPHONE *WARMED* TO HER NEW SURROUNDINGS, HER MOTHER, DEMETER, WAS LEFT SEARCHING *HIGH AND LOW* FOR HER DAUGHTER NOT KNOWING *WHAT* HAD HAPPENED TO HER.


DISTRACTED BY HER DAUGHTER'S ABSENCE SHE STARTED TO NEGLECT HER DUTY AS THE GODDESS OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE EARTH BEGAN TO SUFFER.
TREES STARTED TO SHED THEIR LEAVES, FLOWERS WILTED, CROPS BEGAN TO DIE AND THE HUMANS GREW WORRIED.
AND, AS DAYS TURNED TO WEEKS, DEMETER FELL INTO A DEEP DESPAIR.
UNTIL SHE COULD TAKE NO MORE.
DURING HIS DAILY RACE ACROSS THE SKY THE SUN GOD HELIOS HEARD DEMETER'S CRY AND DECIDED TO INTERVENE.
OH, PERSEPHONE. WHERE ARE YOU?
SHE IS IN THE UNDERWORLD WITH HADES.
HELIOS? HOW DO YOU KNOW THIS?
I WITNESSED HER DEPARTURE AS I TRAVELLED FROM EAST TO WEST SOME WEEKS AGO.
DAMN YOU, HADES!
HADES IS NOT THE VILLAIN HERE, DEMETER, FOR HE ONLY ACTED AFTER ZEUS PROMISED HIM PERSEPHONE'S HAND IN MARRIAGE.
ZEUS? HOW COULD HE? HE'LL PAY FOR THIS!

TO BE CONTINUED...

CLATTERS & BUMP

By James Turner


SO, IF YOU'RE A TOME OF FORBIDDEN KNOWLEDGE, WHAT SORT OF EVIL DO YOU CONTAIN?
SO MUCH EVIL! JUST THE WORST STUFF!
FLOAT!
GIVE ME AN EXAMPLE.
WELL, THERE'S THE ONE WHERE, UM...
I'M PRETTY SURE THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT, ER, A BAD ...UM... A REALLY BAD, ER, THING.
SO YOU CAN'T ACTUALLY NAME A SINGLE EVIL THING YOU CONTAIN?
HONESTLY, MOST OF ME IS JUST CAKE RECIPES.
DROOP
BUT I DID ONCE GIVE SOMEONE A REALLY BAD PAPER CUT.
OOH! THAT IS EVIL!

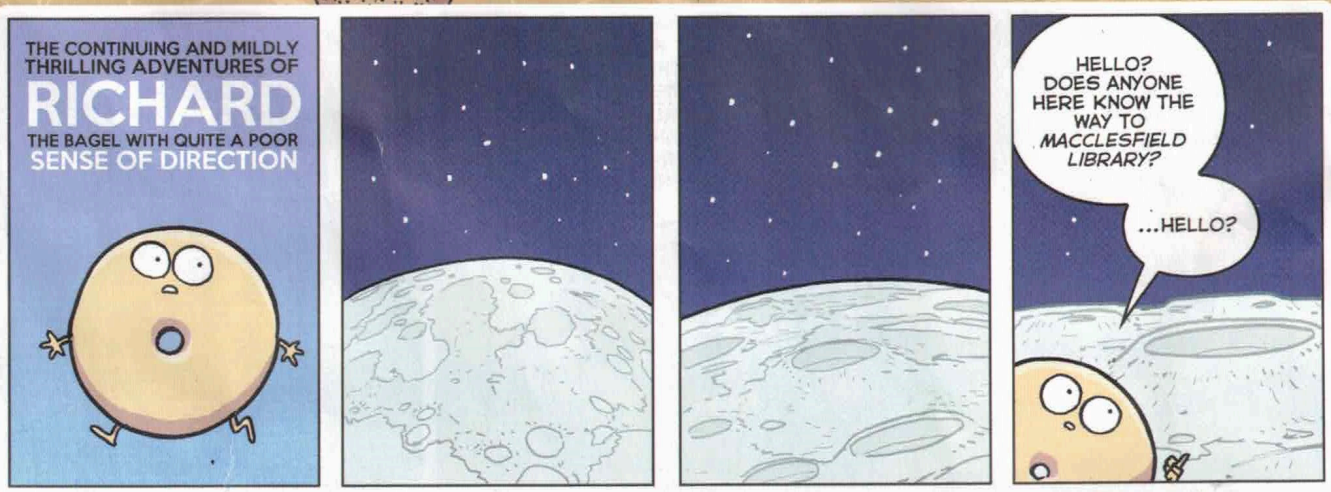
AGE OF STONE

By Thiago de Moraes

GET OUT OF THE RAIN, ARF!!
YEAH, EVERYONE KNOWS THAT WARM RAIN IS THE MAMMOTH GOD'S WEE.
NO, IT'S NOT. RAIN IS JUST WATER THAT RISES INTO THE SKY AND THEN FALLS AGAIN.
IN THAT CASE!
AAAAHH... MUCH BETTER!

BAGEL BATTALION

By Neill Cameron with colours by Nick Moffatt


THE CONTINUING AND MILDLY THRILLING ADVENTURES OF
RICHARD
THE BAGEL WITH QUITE A POOR SENSE OF DIRECTION
HELLO? DOES ANYONE HERE KNOW THE WAY TO MACCLESFIELD LIBRARY?
...HELLO?

MEANWHILE IN THE MINISTRY OF MISTAKES

YELLOW SMALL
Point of fact: there are a number of ways a donut can be used for research. My favourite? Taste research.

GREETINGS, MY EAGLE-EYED MISTAKE SPOTTERS. I MUST REGRETFULLY INFORM YOU OF AN ERROR IN *ISSUE 734.*

IT WAS A *DONUT SQUAD* MISTAKE! THAT WEEK, SPRINKLES SAID, *'WE'RE JUST FOR A BIT OF RESEARCH'.*

BUT SPRINKLES *SHOULD* HAVE SAID, 'WE'RE JUST *HERE* FOR A BIT OF RESEARCH!' *OOPS!*

OUR THANKS TO *LOUIS, JESSICA, DAN, CALEB, OLIVIA, JACKSON, JUDE, AGGY, UZZIAH, ABIGAIL, LIZZIE, ELLA, DAISY, FRANCES, TED, FERAH, GEORGE* AND ALL MY OTHER EAGLE-EYED MISTAKE SPOTTERS WHO SPOTTED IT.

SPOT AN ERROR? MAKE IT KNOWN!
Inform Governor Carcass fowlups@thephoenixcomic.co.uk

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Minister of Mistakes

Doug (Just Doug)
Junior Mistakist

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Danger Rating:

Habitat:
Under DJ booths

Feeds on:
Bike horns

Distinguishing feature:
Impeccable rhythm

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- = Legendary
- = One-of-a-kind
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- = Roughly mouse-sized
- = Roughly cat-sized
- = Person-sized or bigger
- = Building-sized!

GREEN SMALL
Accept your common-ness, Phoenixer, and do it now! Accept your common-ness, and that's an order!

PURPLE SMALL
Isn't being legendary a beautiful thing, Phoenixers? I'm glad to be legendary, and

BY ZAK SIMMONDS-HURN

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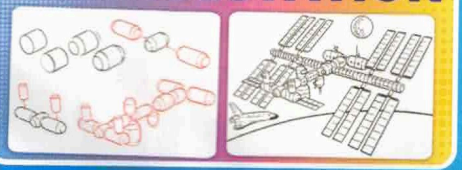

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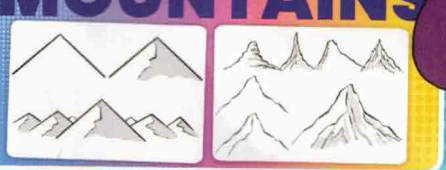

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WHEN I FINISH READING ZE PHOENIX, I DO EITHER 'OPTION A' OR 'OPTION B'. L'OPTION A IZ *READ* IT ALL *AGAIN.* ZAT IS VERY FUN.

L'OPTION B IZ GET A *PENCIL*, LOTS OF *PAPER* AND MAKE MY OWN *ART.*

BOTH ARE EXTREMELY *FABU-GOOSE* WAYS TO SPEND ZE DAY.

STAY PHOENIXY, MES AMIS!

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3 And when Crow Boy's ship crashed, when my parents vanished, when Crow Boy turned into a human, when I grew wings, when I got my visions... something was behind it all!
WHAT WAS THERE WHEN EACH OF THESE EVENTS HAPPENED?
4 So why was I being shown visions of Crow Boy? Our paths seem to be linked! What do I know about him?
WHAT DID PANDORA LEARN ABOUT CROW BOY IN HER VISIONS?
5
Is that the whole truth, though? When he was human, Crow Boy seemed to know about Puzzlevale! Who is he, really? Maybe Detective Crow will know?
DETECTIVE CROW
THOSE INSTINCTS ARE BANG-ON PANDORA. I SHOULD REMEMBER NEVER TA UNDERESTIMATE YA.
SOLUTION TIME!
HERE'S YA CLUE... "I'VE BEEN TELLING YA THIS ALL ALONG, IN MY CORNEC
CROW BO
THE FINAL MYSTERY
BIRDS OF A FEATHER
DISCOVER THE TRUTH ABOUT CROW BOY
Ah-haahhh! Yes! I can FLY to Raven City!
But now I'm perched up here, and I should feel amazing... I can't get the feeling out of my head that I've missed something!
ou'll need to remember UT THIS BOOK! ur answers on PAGE 196!
2 There's been loads of things named after corvids! Besides Crow Boy... I gave him that name!
HOW MANY THINGS IN THIS BOOK ARE NAMED AFTER CORVIDS?
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Can you solve the maze on this door? Uncover the hidden word along the shortest route to the lock!
WHAT IS THE HIDDEN WORD? ___

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